

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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A<sup>2</sup> 3. [(Amended)] The high water-absorbent resin particle according to claim 1, wherein the content of ethylene in the ethylene-glycidyl (meth)acrylate copolymer is 50 to 99% by weight.

4. [(Amended)] The high water-absorbent resin particle according to claim 1, wherein the melting point of the ethylene-glycidyl (meth)acrylate copolymer is 50° to 150°C.

5. [(Amended)] The high water-absorbent resin particle according to claim 1, wherein the melt flow rate of the ethylene-glycidyl (meth)acrylate copolymer is 1 to 400 g/10 minutes at 190°C under 2160 gf.

A2 6. (Amended) The high water-absorbent resin particle according to claim 1, wherein the high water-absorbent resin is at least one member selected from the group consisting of a crosslinked acrylate polymer, a crosslinked vinyl alcohol-acrylate copolymer, a crosslinked maleic anhydride-grafted polyvinyl alcohol, crosslinked acrylate-methacrylate copolymer, a crosslinked saponified methyl acrylate-vinyl acetate copolymer, a crosslinked starch-acrylate graft copolymer, a crosslinked saponified starch-acrylonitrile graft copolymer, a crosslinked carboxymethyl cellulose, a crosslinked isobutylene-maleic anhydride copolymer, and a crosslinked ethylene oxide polymer.

7. (Amended) The high water-absorbent resin particle according to claim 1, wherein the resin particle has an average particle diameter of 5 to 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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